

What is claimed is:

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- 10 1. A method for inhibiting immunoglobulin-induced toxicity resulting from immunoglobulin immunotherapy in a subject comprising administering an immunoglobulin molecule to the subject, the immunoglobulin molecule having a variable region and a constant region, the immunoglobulin molecule being modified prior to administration by structurally altering multiple toxicity associated domains in the constant region so that immunoglobulin-induced toxicity is inhibited.
- 15 2. A method for inhibiting immunoglobulin-induced toxicity resulting from immunoglobulin immunotherapy in a subject comprising administering a structurally altered antibody to the subject, the structurally altered antibody comprising a variable region and a constant region, multiple toxicity associated domains in the constant region being modified so as to render the constant region unable to mediate an ADCC response or activate complement thereby inhibiting immunoglobulin-induced toxicity resulting from immunotherapy.
- 20 3. A method for inhibiting immunoglobulin-induced toxicity resulting from immunotherapy in a subject comprising administering an Ig fusion protein to the subject, the Ig fusion protein having multiple structurally altered toxicity associated domains in the constant region.
- 25 4. A method for inhibiting immunoglobulin-induced toxicity resulting from immunotherapy in a subject comprising administering an Ig fusion protein to the subject, the Ig fusion protein comprising a modified constant region, the

modification being a structural alteration in multiple toxicity associated regions within the CH₂ domain.

5. A method for preventing immunoglobulin-induced toxicity resulting from immunotherapy for a disease in a subject comprising:
- (a) selecting an immunoglobulin which recognizes and binds a target, the target being associated with the disease;
 - (b) mutating the immunoglobulin so selected by structurally altering multiple toxicity associated domains in the constant region of the immunoglobulin thereby creating a structurally altered immunoglobulin; *and*
 - (c) administering the structurally altered immunoglobulin of step (b) to the subject under conditions so that the structurally altered immunoglobulin recognizes and binds the target thereby alleviating symptoms associated with the disease, the structural alteration of the constant region thereby preventing immunoglobulin-induced toxicity in the subject.
6. A method for preventing immunoglobulin-induced toxicity resulting from immunotherapy for a disease in a subject comprising:
- (a) selecting an Ig fusion protein which recognizes and binds a target, the target being associated with the disease;
 - (b) structurally altering multiple toxicity associated domains in the CH₂ domain of the constant region of the Ig protein so selected; *and*

5 (c) administering the structurally altered Ig fusion protein of step (b) to the subject under conditions so that the structurally altered Ig fusion protein recognizes and binds the target thereby alleviating symptoms associated with the disease, the structural alteration of the CH₂ domain thereby preventing immunoglobulin-induced toxicity in the subject.

10 7. The method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6, wherein the portion of the constant region is the CH₂ domain.

8. The method of claim 1 or 5, wherein the immunoglobulin molecule is IgG.

15 9. The method of claim 1 or 5, wherein the immunoglobulin molecule is IgM.

10. The method of claim 1 or 5, wherein the immunoglobulin molecule is IgA.

11. The method of claim 2, wherein the antibody recognizes and binds Le^y.

20 12. The method of claim 2, wherein the antibody recognizes and binds to Le^x.

13. The method of claim 2, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody BR96 produced by the hybridoma having the identifying characteristics of HB 10036 as deposited with the ATCC

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4. The method of claim 2, wherein the antibody is a chimeric antibody ChiBR96 produced by the hybridoma having the identifying characteristics of HB 10460 as deposited with the ATCC.

15. The method of claim 1 or 5, wherein the immunoglobulin recognizes and binds Le^y.

5 16. The method of claim 1 or 5, wherein the immunoglobulin recognizes and binds to Le^x.

17. The method of claim 1 or 5, wherein the immunoglobulin is a monoclonal antibody BR96 produced by the hybridoma having the identifying characteristics of HB 10036 as deposited with the ATCC.

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18. The method of claim 1 or 5, wherein the immunoglobulin is a chimeric antibody ChiBR96 produced by the hybridoma having the identifying characteristics of HB 10460 as deposited with the ATCC.

15 19. The method of claim 3, 4, or 6, wherein the Ig fusion protein recognizes and binds Le^y.

20. The method of claim 3, 4, or 6, wherein the Ig fusion protein recognizes and binds to Le^x.

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21. The method of claim 3, 4, or 6, wherein the Ig fusion protein is a derivative of monoclonal antibody BR96 produced by the hybridoma having the identifying characteristics of HB 10036 as deposited with the ATCC.

25 22. The method of claim 3, 4, or 6, wherein the Ig fusion protein is a derivative of chimeric antibody ChiBR96 produced by the hybridoma having the identifying characteristics of HB 10460 as deposited with the ATCC.

23. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective

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amount of a structurally altered immunoglobulin, and an acceptable carrier, the structurally altered immunoglobulin (1) recognizes and binds a target, the target is associated with cancer and (2) has an inactivated CH₂ domain.

- 5 24. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of structurally altered Ig fusion protein, and an acceptable carrier, the structurally altered Ig fusion protein (1) recognizes and binds a target, the target is associated with cancer and (2) has an inactivated CH₂ domain.
- 10 25. A method of treating carcinomas in vivo comprising administering to a subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of the composition of claim 23 or 24.
- 15 26. The method of claim 30, wherein the structurally altered immunoglobulin in the composition is labeled so as to directly or indirectly produce a detectable signal with a compound selected from the group consisting of a radiolabel, an enzyme, a chromophore, a chemiluminescer, and a fluorescer.
- 20 27. The method of claim 24, wherein the Ig fusion protein in the composition is labeled so as to directly or indirectly produce a detectable signal with a compound selected from the group consisting of a radiolabel, an enzyme, a chromophore, a chemiluminescer, and a fluorescer.
- 25 28. The method of claim 2 or 5, wherein the antibody is conjugated to a cytotoxic agent.
29. The method of claim 1, wherein the immunoglobulin is conjugated to a cytotoxic agent.

30. The method of claim 3, 4 or 6, wherein the Ig fusion protein is conjugated to a cytotoxic agent.

31. The method of claim 28, 29, or 31, wherein the cytotoxic agent is selected from the group consisting of antimetabolites, alkylating agents, anthracyclines, antibiotics, anti-mitotic agents, and chemotherapeutic agents.

32. A method for treating a subject suffering from a cancer, the cancer being characterized as a group of cells having a tumor associated antigen on the cell surface, which method comprises administering to the subject a cancer killing amount of the composition of claim 23 or 24 joined to a cytotoxic agent under conditions which permit the molecule so joined to bind the tumor associated antigen on the cell surface so as to kill the cells so bound thereby curing the subject.

33. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a structurally altered BR96 antibody, the structurally altered antibody having an inactivated CH₂ domain.

34. A method for treating a subject suffering from a proliferative type disease characterized by cells having a BR96 antigen on the cell surface which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of the composition of claim 33 joined to doxorubicin such that the immunoconjugate binds the BR96 antigen and kills said cells thereby treating the subject.

35. A method for inhibiting BR96 (ATCC: HB10036) induced toxicity resulting from immunoglobulin immunotherapy in a subject comprising administering

BR96 to the subject, the BR96 molecule being modified prior to administration, the modification comprising the deletion or substitution of at least one amino acid residue in the toxicity associated domain localized to amino acids 310-331 and the deletion or substitution of at least one amino acid residue in the toxicity associated domain localized to amino acids 231-238 so that complement and Fc receptor mediated toxicity is inhibited.

36. A method for preventing BR96 (ATCC: HB10036) induced toxicity resulting from immunotherapy for cancer in a subject comprising:

(a) mutating the BR96 polypeptide by the deletion or substitution of at least one amino acid residue in the toxicity associated domain localized to amino acids 310-331 and the deletion or substitution of at least one amino acid residue in the toxicity associated domain localized to amino acids 231-238 so that complement and Fc receptor mediated immunoglobulin-induced toxicity is inhibited in the altered BR96 polypeptide; and

(b) administering the structurally altered BR96 polypeptide of step (a) to the subject under conditions so that the peptide recognizes and binds cancer associated Le^y antigens, thereby alleviating symptoms associated with the cancer, the structural alteration of the toxicity associated domains thereby preventing BR96 toxicity in the subject.

37. A chimeric BR96 antibody having a structurally altered constant region having the CH1 and CH3 domains but not the CH2 domain, the antibody being designated cBR96-A.

38. The chimeric BR96 antibody of claim 37 which is expressed by the plasmid having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO. 10.
39. A BR96 antibody having humanized variable and constant regions, wherein the constant region has been structurally altered so that the CH1 and CH3 domains are present but the CH2 domain is not, the antibody being designated hBR96-2A.
40. The BR96 antibody of claim 39 which is expressed by the plasmid having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO. 12.
41. A BR96 antibody designated hBR96-2B having a structurally altered constant region wherein leucine at amino acid position 235 is mutated to alanine and glycine at amino acid position 237 is mutated to alanine.
42. A BR96 antibody designated hBR96-2C having a structurally altered constant region wherein glutamic acid at amino acid position 318 is mutated to serine; lysine at amino acid position 320 is mutated to serine; and lysine at amino acid position 322 is mutated to serine.
43. A BR96 antibody designated hBR96-2D having a structurally altered constant region wherein proline at amino acid position 331 is mutated to alanine.
44. A BR96 antibody designated hBR96-2E having a structurally altered constant region wherein leucine at amino acid position 235 is mutated to alanine; glycine at amino acid position 237 is mutated to alanine; glutamic acid at amino acid position 318 is mutated to serine; lysine at amino acid

position 320 is mutated to serine; and lysine at amino acid position 322 is mutated to serine.

45. A BR96 antibody designated hBR96-2F having a structurally altered constant region wherein leucine at amino acid position 235 is mutated to alanine; glycine at amino acid position 237 is mutated to alanine; and proline at amino acid position 331 is mutated to alanine.
46. A BR96 antibody designated hBR96-2G having a structurally altered constant region wherein glutamic acid at amino acid position 318 is mutated to serine; lysine at amino acid position 320 is mutated to serine; and lysine at amino acid position 322 is mutated to serine; and proline at amino acid position 331 is mutated to alanine.
47. A BR96 antibody designated hBR96-2H having a structurally altered constant region wherein leucine at amino acid position 235 is mutated to alanine; glycine at amino acid position 237 is mutated to alanine; glutamic acid at amino acid position 318 is mutated to serine; lysine at amino acid position 320 is mutated to serine; lysine at amino acid position 322 is mutated to serine; and proline at amino acid position 331 is mutated to alanine.
48. A nucleic acid molecule which encodes the BR96 antibody of claim 37, 39, and 41-47.
49. A cDNA of claim 48.
50. A plasmid which comprises the nucleic acid molecule of claim 48.

51. A host vector system comprising a plasmid of claim 50 in a suitable host cell.
52. A method for producing a protein comprising growing the host vector system of claim 51 so as to produce the protein in the host and recovering the protein so produced.
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